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\$26 million San Antonio BRAC construction project tied to movement of more than 2,000 positions to Fort Sam Houston

FORT WORTH, TEXAS – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District has awarded a \$26.4 million contract to construct a new headquarters building for the Army's Installation Management Command (IMCOM), which will move to Fort Sam Houston from Arlington, Virginia as part of the ongoing Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process. The contract went to M.A. Mortenson Construction, which is based in Minneapolis. The movement of IMCOM to Fort Sam Houston is expected to bring more than 2,000 military and civilian positions to the post.

The 168,000 square foot headquarters building will be built adjacent to four historic structures that are being renovated to provide additional administrative space for the command. IMCOM oversees all facets of managing Army installations around the world, including maintenance of the roads, grounds, and lighting; new construction; barracks and family housing; food management; environmental programs; soldier and family morale, welfare, and recreation programs; logistics; and installation funding. The headquarters building is scheduled to be finished in the spring of 2011.

This contract is the first of 26 that are expected to be awarded in fiscal year 2010 for BRAC and other military construction projects in San Antonio. The projected value of these contracts exceeds \$390 million. During the past two fiscal years, contracts worth almost \$2 billion have been awarded through the San Antonio BRAC and military construction program. The construction contractors that receive contracts continue to hire many subcontractors from the San Antonio area to help complete their projects.

The rapid pace of construction has put the San Antonio BRAC program on track to complete several projects in 2010. By the end of the fiscal year in September, it is anticipated that more than 20 facilities will have been made ready to begin supporting military missions and personnel that are relocating to San Antonio from other parts of the country.

About BRAC in San Antonio: The San Antonio BRAC construction program will provide the facilities to accommodate thousands of military personnel, federal employees, and military missions that are moving to and within the city as a result of the 2005 BRAC mandates. Construction work is scheduled to take place across San Antonio at Fort Sam Houston, Camp Bullis, Lackland and Randolph Air Force Bases through September 2011. The program involves building and renovating as many as 78 major facilities that amount to more than six million square feet of space. The total cost of BRAC and BRAC-related construction is projected to exceed \$2 billion. The BRAC projects, however, are part of a larger, ongoing military construction program in San Antonio, which encompasses roughly \$3 billion of projects that represent more than 10 million square feet of space.

Representatives of the Army Corps of Engineers are working on the San Antonio BRAC construction program as members of the Joint Program Management Office, which oversees BRAC project design and construction. The JPMO is a joint military service entity that represents a partnership between the Corps, the Air Force Center for

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Engineering and the Environment and the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, and is supported by private sector contractors.

About the Fort Worth District: The Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was established in 1950. The District is responsible for water resources development in two-thirds of Texas, and design and construction at all military installations in Texas and parts of Louisiana and New Mexico. Visit the Fort Worth District Web site at: www.swf.usace.army.mil.

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